Economic Affairs requested the World Bank in February, 2005 to field a dedicated multi-sectoral team to draft a comprehensive strategy for the city. Two multi-sectoral teams of the World Bank have undertaken intensive consultations with the State Government in March, 2005 & November, 2005 for formulating a comprehensive proposal for transforming Mumbai city into a world class city.

(c) As per Deptt. of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, the Government of Maharashtra is still in the category of a debt stressed State from the debt sustainability point of view.

(d) As per the request of the State Government the Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-II is being considered as part of comprehensive plan being developed for transforming Mumbai city into a world class city. Two multi-sectoral teams of the World Bank have undertaken intensive consultations with the State Government in March, 2005 & November, 2005.

Construction of flyover in Mumbai

1338.SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Government of Mahrashtra has appointed a committee for construction of flyover and other measures for smooth traffic movement in Mumbai in the year of 1996 and accordingly submitted its report in 1997;

(b) whether the said committee suggested a tunnel road below the Juhu Airport as part of improvement of traffic in Mumbai;

(c) if so, whether the work has started on the said project;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when it is expected to be started;

(e) whether any financial allocation has been made in this regard; and

(f) the expected date of completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir. The Ministry of Urban Development has not received any intimation/proposal in this regard.

(b) to (f) Questions do not arise in view of above.